

Introduced by Senator Steinberg

February 21, 2008

An act relating to foster care.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1380, as introduced, Steinberg. Intensive treatment foster care program.

Existing law requires the State Department of Social Services to implement programs of intensive treatment foster care for eligible children, as specified.

This bill would declare legislative intent to enact legislation to revise various eligibility, operational, reporting, and training components of intensive treatment foster care programs.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
- 2 legislation to do all of the following with respect to intensive
- 3 treatment foster care (ITFC) programs:
- 4 (a) Modify the eligibility criteria to permit counties to include
- 5 additional high-risk children in ITFC programs.
- 6 (b) Increase the flexibility in ITFC programs' in-home support
- 7 counselor staffing requirements to better meet the needs of the
- 8 children being served by ITFC programs.
- 9 (c) Update the ITFC code by clarifying that medically necessary
- 10 mental health services for foster children are funded by the Early

1 and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment Program
2 (EPSDT).

3 (d) Increase program accountability by adding eligibility,
4 descriptive, and outcome measures to the State Department of
5 Social Services quarterly reports.

6 (e) Modify foster parent training requirements to make it easier
7 to attract highly qualified foster parents.

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